

Water Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding (i.e., PCS)

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Section B: Facility Data

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| Name and Location of Facility Inspected (For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and NPDES permit number) Rod Vande Hoef Dairy #2 1925 Hampton Road Everson, WA 98244 | Entry Time/Date 10:10 AM 01/28/13 | Permit Effective Date N/A |
| Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s) Rodney Vande Hoef Farm Operator (b) (6) | Exit Time/Date 11:30AM 01/28/13 | Permit Expiration Date N/A |
| Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number Rodney Vande Hoef 2121 Stickney Island Road Everson, WA 98244 (b) (6) | Other Facility Data (e.g., SIC NAICS, and other descriptive information) 112120 Dairy Cattle and Milk Production Unpermitted | |

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection (Check only those areas evaluated)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Monitoring Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Pretreatment | <input type="checkbox"/> MS4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Records/Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance Schedules | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollution Prevention | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility Site Review | <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Storm Water | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Effluent/Receiving Waters | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operations & Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Combined Sewer Overflow | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flow Measurement | <input type="checkbox"/> Sludge Handling/Disposal | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Sewer Overflow | |

Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments

(Attach additional sheets of narrative and checklists, including Single Event Violation codes, as necessary)

| SEV Codes | SEV Description |
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| Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s) Jon Klemesrud | Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers EPA R10 206 553-5068 | Date 01/31/13 |
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| Signature of Management Q A Reviewer Lambert A. Cole | Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers EPA/RCET/ENH 3-0235 | Date 5/17/13 |

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INSTRUCTIONS

Section A: National Data System Coding (i.e., PCS)

Column 1: Transaction Code: Use N, C, or D for New, Change, or Delete. All inspections will be *new* unless there is an error in the data entered.

Columns 3-11: NPDES Permit No. Enter the facility's NPDES permit number - third character in permit number indicates permit type for U=unpermitted, G=general permit, etc.. (Use the Remarks columns to record the State permit number, if necessary.)

Columns 12-17: Inspection Date. Insert the date entry was made into the facility. Use the year/month/day format (e.g., 04/10/01 = October 01, 2004).

Column 18: Inspection Type*. Use one of the codes listed below to describe the type of inspection:

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| A Performance Audit | U IU Inspection with Pretreatment Audit | ! Pretreatment Compliance (Oversight) |
| B Compliance Biomonitoring | X Toxics Inspection | @ Follow-up (enforcement) |
| C Compliance Evaluation (non-sampling) | Z Sludge - Biosolids | { Storm Water-Construction-Sampling |
| D Diagnostic | # Combined Sewer Overflow-Sampling | } Storm Water-Construction-Non-Sampling |
| F Pretreatment (Follow-up) | \$ Combined Sewer Overflow-Non-Sampling | : Storm Water-Non-Construction-Sampling |
| G Pretreatment (Audit) | + Sanitary Sewer Overflow-Sampling | ~ Storm Water-Non-Construction-Non-Sampling |
| I Industrial User (IU) Inspection | & Sanitary Sewer Overflow-Non-Sampling | < Storm Water-MS4-Sampling |
| J Complaints | \ CAFO-Sampling | - Storm Water-MS4-Non-Sampling |
| M Multimedia | = CAFO-Non-Sampling | > Storm Water-MS4-Audit |
| N Spill | 2 IU Sampling Inspection | |
| O Compliance Evaluation (Oversight) | 3 IU Non-Sampling Inspection | |
| P Pretreatment Compliance Inspection | 4 IU Toxics Inspection | |
| R Reconnaissance | 5 IU Sampling Inspection with Pretreatment | |
| S Compliance Sampling | 6 IU Non-Sampling Inspection with Pretreatment | |
| | 7 IU Toxics with Pretreatment | |

Column 19: Inspector Code. Use one of the codes listed below to describe the *lead agency* in the inspection.

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| A — State (Contractor) | O — Other Inspectors, Federal/EPA (Specify in Remarks columns) |
| B — EPA (Contractor) | P — Other Inspectors, State (Specify in Remarks columns) |
| E — Corps of Engineers | R — EPA Regional Inspector |
| J — Joint EPA/State Inspectors—EPA Lead | S — State Inspector |
| L — Local Health Department (State) | T — Joint State/EPA Inspectors—State lead |
| N — NEIC Inspectors | |

Column 20: Facility Type. Use one of the codes below to describe the facility.

- 1 — Municipal. Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) with 1987 Standard Industrial Code (SIC) 4952.
- 2 — Industrial. Other than municipal, agricultural, and Federal facilities.
- 3 — Agricultural. Facilities classified with 1987 SIC 0111 to 0971.
- 4 — Federal. Facilities identified as Federal by the EPA Regional Office.
- 5 — Oil & Gas. Facilities classified with 1987 SIC 1311 to 1389.

Columns 21-66: Remarks. These columns are reserved for remarks at the discretion of the Region.

Columns 67-69: Inspection Work Days. Estimate the total work effort (to the nearest 0.1 work day), up to 99.9 days, that were used to complete the inspection and submit a QA reviewed report of findings. This estimate includes the accumulative effort of all participating inspectors; any effort for laboratory analyses, testing, and remote sensing; and the billed payroll time for travel and pre and post inspection preparation. This estimate does not require detailed documentation.

Column 70: Facility Evaluation Rating. Use information gathered during the inspection (regardless of inspection type) to evaluate the quality of the facility self-monitoring program. Grade the program using a scale of 1 to 5 with a score of 5 being used for very reliable self-monitoring programs, 3 being satisfactory, and 1 being used for very unreliable programs.

Column 71: Biomonitoring Information. Enter D for static testing. Enter F for flow through testing. Enter N for no biomonitoring.

Column 72: Quality Assurance Data Inspection. Enter Q if the inspection was conducted as followup on quality assurance sample results. Enter N otherwise.

Columns 73-80: These columns are reserved for regionally defined information.

Section B: Facility Data

This section is self-explanatory except for "Other Facility Data," which may include new information not in the permit or PCS (e.g., new outfalls, names of receiving waters, new ownership, other updates to the record, SIC/NAICS Codes, Latitude/Longitude).

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection

Check only those areas evaluated by marking the appropriate box. Use Section D and additional sheets as necessary. Support the findings, as necessary, in a brief narrative report. Use the headings given on the report form (e.g., Permit, Records/Reports) when discussing the areas evaluated during the inspection.

Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments

Briefly summarize the inspection findings. This summary should abstract the pertinent inspection findings, not replace the narrative report. Reference a list of attachments, such as completed checklists taken from the NPDES Compliance Inspection Manuals and pretreatment guidance documents, including effluent data when sampling has been done. Use extra sheets as necessary.

*Footnote: In addition to the inspection types listed above under column 18, a state may continue to use the following wet weather and CAFO inspection types until the state is brought into ICIS-NPDES: K: CAFO, V: SSO, Y: CSO, W: Storm Water 9: MS4. States may also use the new wet weather, CAFO and MS4 inspections types shown in column 18 of this form. The EPA regions are required to use the new wet weather, CAFO, and MS4 inspection types for inspections with an inspection date (DTIN) on or after July 1, 2005.

***NPDES
Inspection Report***

***Rod Vande Hoef Dairy
Everson, WA 98247***

Prepared by:

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Inspection and Enforcement Management Unit***

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(Unless otherwise noted, all details in this inspection report were obtained from conversations with Rodney Vande Hoef or from observations during the inspection.

I. Facility Information

Facility Name: Rod Vande Hoef Dairy

Facility Contact(s): Rodney Vande Hoef- Owner & Operator
Phone: (b) (6)

SIC Code 0241 Dairy Farms

Facility Location: 2121 Stickney Island Road
Everson, WA 98247

GPS: N 48.725911 W 122.200183

Mailing Address: 2121 Stickney Island Road
Everson, WA 98247

II. Inspection Information

Inspection Date: January 28, 2013

Inspectors: Jon Klemesrud, Inspector
EPA Region 10, OCE / IEMU
(206) 553-5068

Dustan Bott, Inspector
EPA Region 10, OCE / IEMU
(206) 553-5502

Arrival Time: 10:10 AM

Departure Time: 11:30 AM

Weather Condition: Partly Cloudy

Purpose: The inspection was conducted to document the facility's compliance with the Clean Water Act.

III. Permit Information

This facility is currently not covered under the Washington Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and State Waste Discharge General Permit.

IV. Background and Activity

The animals kept at this facility include adult milking cows as well as non-lactating “dry” cows and young stock. The waste generated at this facility is mainly manure and urine deposited in the barn areas. This facility is designed such that the wastes generated are collected, stored and then ultimately land applied on nearby pastures.

Rod Vande Hoef Dairy has confined animals in 3 separate locations. The main facility consists of a barn complex where animals are confined, fed, and maintained. It also includes a milk parlor, a silage storage area, two below ground waste storage tanks, a 1.5 million gallon waste storage lagoon and adjacent pastures. The main facility also has a solid separator and a bedding reclaiming unit. See Attachment A, Aerial Photo #1.

The second location is located a half of a mile to the east of the main facility and is where the dry cows are confined, fed, and maintained. It also contains a silage storage area and a 1.3 million gallon waste storage lagoon and adjacent pastures. See Attachment A, Aerial Photo #2.

The third location is a young stock facility which is located a half of a mile northwest of the main facility and consists of a barn complex where animals are confined, fed, and maintained. It also includes a below ground waste storage tank, a solid storage area, a small waste storage lagoon and adjacent pastures. See Attachment A, Aerial Photo #3.

V. Individuals Present

The inspectors present throughout this inspection included myself and Dustan Bott (EPA). The facility representative present at the time of the inspection was Mr. Rodney Vande Hoef.

VI. Inspection Entry

This was an unannounced NPDES inspection. Dustan Bott and I arrived at Rode Vande Hoef Dairy at 10:10AM on Monday, January 28, 2013 to conduct the inspection.

At this time Dustan and I identified ourselves as EPA inspectors and presented our credentials to Mr. Vande Hoef and gave him a business card. I informed him that the purpose of this visit was to conduct a compliance inspection to determine compliance with the Clean Water Act.

Mr. Vande Hoef did not deny us access to the facility. He accompanied us throughout the inspection.

VII. Inspection Chronology

Upon arriving at the facility we began the inspection with an opening conference where

we discussed the purpose and expectations of the inspection. During this time we also asked Mr. Vande Hoef a few administrative questions.

We then conducted a facility tour where we inspected all three confinement areas and all waste storage facilities.

We then concluded the inspection with a closing conference where I discussed the one area of concern identified during the inspection.

VIII. Owner and Operator Information

According to Mr. Vande Hoef he is the owner and operator of the dairy.

IX. Number of Animals

According to Mr. Vande Hoef, this facility housed approximately 930 milking cows, 200 dry cows and 300 young stock at the time of inspection.

X. Presence of Vegetation in the Confinement Areas

The confinement areas at this facility consist of barns with concrete floors. I did not see any vegetation in any of the confinement areas.

XI. Length of Animal Confinement

According to Mr. Vande Hoef animals are confined year-round.

XII. Waste Management Process

Waste generated at this facility is mainly from the barns where the animals are confined. The scraped manure, contaminated water and milk house and parlor wastewater are collected in below ground waste storage tanks. This waste is then transferred into one of the three lagoons and ultimately land applied. Mr. Vande Hoef stated that the last land application of manure was in October of 2012, he hopes to begin land application in March of this year.

XIII. Receiving Water

The nearest receiving water is Kamm Creek and is located less about 600 ft from the south end of the main facility. Kamm Creek flows into the Nooksack River roughly half of a mile south of the main facility.

XIV. Areas of Concern

We inspected the facility including the confinement areas and the waste handling

systems. No discharge was observed during the inspection however I identified one area of concern. This area of concern is described as follows:

- A. Waste Storage Tank at the Young Stock Facility: At the time of inspection the below ground waste storage tank at the young stock facility was at maximum capacity. See Attachment B, Photo #1, Photo #2. It appeared that some of the liquid from the tank had exited the tank and travelled near a flooded grassy area south of the facility. I informed Mr. Vande Hoef that although surface water wasn't close in proximity to the underground tank, discharges should not be exiting the production area and that the lagoon designed to take the wastewater appears to have the capacity.

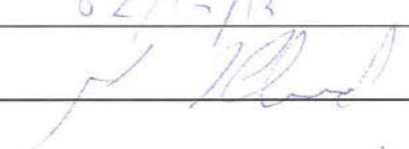
Mr. Vande Hoef stated that the underground tank receives stormwater from the paved area and runoff from the uncovered solid storage area. He stated that only solids, not liquid waste is collected and generated from the young stock facility. He said he hadn't checked the tank level for a few days and that he would have tank pumped to the nearby lagoon as soon as possible. Mr. Vande Hoef then called an employee and we observed the tank emptied and transferred to the nearby lagoon prior to our departure.

XV. Closing Conference

A closing conference was held following the inspection. During the closing conference I discussed the area of concern identified above and

Report Completion Date:

02/15/13



Lead Inspector Signature:

ATTACHMENT A

Aerial Photographs

Aerial Photo #1: Main Dairy Facility



Aerial Photo #2: Dry Cow Facility



Aerial Photo #3: Young Stock Facility



ATTACHMENT B

Photograph Documentation

Photo #1: Photo facing northeast, showing the surface of the below ground tank located in-between the truck and the uncovered solid storage area on the concrete pad.



Photo #2: Photo facing west, showing the surface of the below ground tank. The channel in front of the truck shows the tank level at maximum capacity at the time of inspection.

